

RADIATION THERAPIST

Credentialing Authority	<p>Charlene Craig Radiological Health Iowa Department of Public Health 401 SW 7th St #D Des Moines IA 50309-4611 Phone: (515) 725-0306 Fax: (515) 725-0318 E-mail: ccraig@idph.state.ia.us</p>
Legal Authority	Code of Iowa 641, Chapter 42
Job Description	Under the supervision of a radiation oncologist, radiation therapists perform simulation radiography for localizing treatment fields or apply radiation from x-ray machines, particle accelerators, or radioactive materials to humans for therapeutic purposes.
Education & Experience Required	<p>In addition to being at least 18 years of age, the applicant must have high school education or equivalent, and the ability to perform necessary duties without constituting a hazard to the health or safety of patients, self, other health care workers, or the general public.</p> <p>Specifically, the applicant must complete an approved course by either the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Radiologic Technology or the Iowa Department of Public Health. These courses are offered at the University of Iowa and other sites around the country.</p>
Continuing Education	Twenty-four hours of continuing education are required biennially for credential renewal.
Examination	Upon completion of training, the therapist must pass an examination given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.
Fees	<p>Application: \$45 Duration: One year Renewal: \$35 Exam: \$80</p>
SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage	29-1124 – Radiation Therapists (NA)

Number of Licenses Issued	Total number of credentials active as of December 31, 2003: 186 2002: 140 2001: 140 2000: 145 1999: 145 1998: 150
For Additional Information	For more information on schools or the permit process, contact the Iowa Department of Public Health: Phone: (515) 725-0306 Web site: www.idph.state.ia.us/licensure